

PATENT**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**
(Case No. MBHB04-183 (400.147))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

McSwiggen *et al.*

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Title RNA Interference Mediated
Inhibition of Muscarinic
Cholinergic Receptor Gene
Expression Using Short Interfering
Nucleic Acid (siNA))
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) Group Art Unit: 1636
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) Confirmation No.: 6030
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)Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments before examination on the merits. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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